Questions for Answers on the day (but Not taken up)

Recovery of Outstanding sales Tax Amount from M/s. Bhoruka Steel Ltd. Bangalore.

555 SRI JEEVARAJ ALVA, (Jayamahal)— Will the Minister for Finance be pleased to state:—

(a) whether huge amount to the extent of Rs. 1 crore in respect of sales tax is outstanding from a leading Industrial Firm *viz* M/s. Bhoruka Steel Ltd, Bangalore for a long time

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government initiated action for realisation of this amount

(c) if the reply to (a) and (b) is affirmative, what action does the Government propose to take in order to realise this huge outstanding amount which can bee utilised for the benefit of the poor?

SRI S.M. YAHYA—(Minister for Finance).—

(a) There are no assessed amounts due for payment by Bhoruka Steel Ltd, Bangalore. However certain investigations have been taken by Commercial Tax Department. Assessments for the years 1973-74 and 1974-75 making use of investigations are pending.

(b) There are no assessed amounts due for payment by Bhoruka Steel Ltd. and hence the question of action for realisation of any outstanding amount does not arise.

(c) At present there are no arrears outstanding from BhorukaSteel Ltd. as per returns of turnover filed upto the year 1977-1978. Action is beingtakan by Commercial Tax Deperment to expedite finalisation of pending investigations.

Thungabhadra Left Bank Canal

42 SRI R. NARAYANAPPA (Sindhanoor)—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state

(a) the amount sanctioned by the Government for repairing the Left Bank Canal of Thungabhadra, out of this the amount spent so far and the details thereof;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the canal was breached two to three times during curent year due to ineffective repairs, misdeed and malpractices of the Executive and Assistant Engineers of Sindhanoor Irrigation Division in respect of repair works of the left Bank Canal;

(c) if so, whether the Government intend to take effective steps in this behalf ?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (chief Minister)

(a) the Government has sanctioned the amount for the repairs of the Left Bank Canal i.e. to strengthen and to raise both wings of the canal. The details of expenditure incurred so far are as follows:—

		Sanctioned	Total
		Amount	Expenditure
(I)	To strengthen the left bank canal of Thungsbhadra project from 19th to 69th to mile as per Government Order dated 10th May 1968.	lakhs 43.21	lakhs. 47.90
(2)	To raise both side wings of the left bank canal of Thungabadra project from 15th to 60th mile, as per Government Order dated 22nd March 1972	166.33	169.68
(3)	To strengthen the outer space inner space, lower space and to raise the wings from 19th to 119th mile as per Government order dated 19th July 1975	808	543.95
	Total ...	1017.54	761.53

Rs. 761.53 lakhs has been spent for strengthening the outer space of the canal as mentioned above. In addition to this about Rs. 53.48 lakhs has been spent for repairs of inner space i,e, repairs to slips

(b) the canal has not breached at the same place two to three times in the current year.

(c) this question does not arise in view of the replies to clause (b)

Sales Tax on Agricultural Commodities

111. SRI BHIMANNA KHANDRE (Bhalki).—Will the Minister for Finance be pleased to state :—

(a) the date from which the sales tax at 4% is being lovied on Agricultural Commodities in the State ;

(b) whether there was any sales tax on Agricultural Commodities prior to it. if so, details of the same ;